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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Seeing the Light: A Photowalk in the Redwoods,
Wednesday, August 8, 2012 with Future Dates Scheduled.**

In response to popular demand and positive feedback, Redwood National & State Parks (RNSP) has scheduled additional “photowalks” conducted by park volunteers and retired professional photographers Peg & Rex Lavoie. Designed for amateur and professional photographers alike, Rex and Peg will provide helpful tips for taking better images in the old-growth redwood forest. Their photowalks are designed to help photographers improve their images with suggestions for better composition and improved understanding of camera functions and settings.

The next walk will begin at 3 pm on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Trillium Falls trailhead, located at the Elk Meadow Day Use Area on Davison Road, about 5 miles north of Orick, CA. It is scheduled to last about two hours and cover about one mile round-trip. The trail is considered easy involving about 300 feet of elevation gain. Photographers are encouraged to bring a tripod and any other equipment that they can comfortably carry on the trail.

To make this experience enjoyable and worthwhile for all that attend, this special activity is limited to ten participants. A smaller group size will enable Rex and Peg to devote proper attention to each photographer while reducing crowding on the trail. Additional photo walks will be scheduled through the summer. For reservations, directions and/or other information, please call the Kuchel Visitor Center between 9 am and 5 pm, every day, at 707-465-7765.

Additional photowalks are scheduled for August 25, and September 5 and 15, 2012. Locations are yet to be announced, so be sure to check out the parks’ Schedule of Events page at <http://www.nps.gov/redw/planyourvisit/events.htm> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RedwoodNPS>.

Rex Lavoie is a Master of Photography, Master of Electronic Imaging and Photographic Craftsman, awarded by the Professional Photographers of America. Rex has won numerous awards for his commercial, portrait and landscape photography. Peg Lavoie is a Photographic Craftsman and received the Silver Photographer of the Year Award from the Professional Photographers of America as well as several Ohio State awards. Rex and Peg ran their own photography studio from 1976 until December

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2008 when Rex and Peg closed the day-to-day operations to concentrate on nature and travel photography, teaching and volunteering at state and national parks around the country. The Ohio-based couple is currently serving as volunteers at Redwoods National and State Parks.

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